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COUNCIL PAPERS, 1698-1701

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Thanksgiving Proclamation

Whitehall November ye 11th 1702

Sir

We send you here inclosed her Majestys proclamation directing a publick thanksgiving throughout England for the great Successes of her Ma'tys Arms by Sea and land. And we do hereby Signify to you her Majestys pleasure that a day of publick thanksgiving for those Successes be likewise solemnized throughout all her plantacons in America; You are therefore to take care that a day be accordingly set apart for that purpose as soon as conveniently may be after your receipt hereof, And that the same be observed throughout her Majestys Colony and Dominion of Virginia under yor Government, with such due Solemnities as are Suitable to so great an occasion. So we bid you heartily farewell.

Yor very Loving Friends
Rob. Cecill
Ph. Meadows
Wm. Blathwayt
John Pollexfen
Mat Prior.

Council of Virginia to the Queen Anne

To the Queen's most excellt Majtie
May it please yor Ma'ty

We the Council of yor Maty's Colony and Dominion of Virginia after due perusal and serious consideracon of Yor Majties

gracious Letter signifying yor Royal pleasure concerning a voluntary Contribution of men and money for New York laid before Us by his Excellency Francis Nicholson Esqr yor Majestys Lieu^{t} and Governor General of this Colony and Dominion, being extremely concerned that our answer to the like demand made by Yo^{r} Matys Royal Brother William the third of blessed memory contained in our petition of October ye 1st 1701 did not give your Maj^{tie} the expected satisfaction, but that our management of that affair was disallowed by the Lords of the Council for Trade and plantacons Humbly beg leave in the most dutifull manner to lay before Yo^{r} Majesty our answers to those particulars wherein by the advice of the said Lords, We find yor Majesty disapproves our conduct in that petition, together with an account of our late endeavors to comply with yor Maties commands in the said Letter as far as is within the reach of our Station and province.

Whereas in the first place we are charged as having made our application to yor Maties Royal Brother in an irregular manner by an Agent of our own without the consent of our Governour We humbly offer to yor Maties consideracon that as we were altogether free from any ill design in this method, so we Never heard before that any such Rule had been sett limiting the Addresses of Subjects in the plantations to their Soveraign to be made only by the consent and through the hands of their Governors, and in this particular case, our Governor had signified so much of his disapprobation of the proceedings of the General Assembly on acco^{t} of the said Address that we judged it would have been improper to have desired or expected his mediation or concurrence therein: But now that we know yor Maj^{ties} pleasure we shall take care in this, and all other applications to yor Majesty to observe the said Rule as to the manner of presenting our petitions.

In the next place it is observed of the said petition wch was presented to Yo^{r} Maj^{tie} in the name of the Council and Burgesses of Virginia that it was signed by no more than four of the members of the said Council: But to this we humbly offer to yor Maj^{ties} consideracon that it often happens by reason of sickness, and the very remote and distant habitations of many

of the members of yor Council, the badness of weather, and the unpassableness of great Rivers and Bays at certain Seasons that we are obliged to act with very small numbers: and particularly at that time there being but a thin Council before the late nomination, and these reduced to many inconveniences by a tedious absence from home during a very long Session of Assembly, Several of them had repaired to their homes to look after their business which Sufferred exceedingly by so long absence, by which means it came to pass that there were no more of the Council left, but those few who subscribed the said petition, the rest who went away before it was finished having been consenting while they staid to the several Resolves that had been made about it, So that it was really an unanimous consent of the Council, tho' signed only by those four who gave their attendance to the last.

Besides the objections against the manner of presenting the said petition, the reasons for excusing ourselves from the aforesaid contribution are excepted against as insufficient. To which all we have to offer is, that tho' we were then, and still are of the opinion (with Submission to the better Judgements of the Lords of Council for Trade and plantations) that the Reasons laid down in the said petition were very Sufficient to justify the proceedings of that Assembly with relacon to a Contribution of men and money for New York; Yet so great is the deference we have for yor Maj^{ties} recommendation of that affair to the present General Assembly, that tho' the said reasons seem to us to be still in full force, We have taken no notice of them, but have used our best endeavors consistent with the methods of Assembly to further the intent of Yo^{r} Maties gracious Letter with the House of Burgesses, and to take some good method with the said House for Yo^{r} Maties satisfaction.

And therefore we doubt not Yo^{r} Majestys candid construction of our proceedings and endeavors, wch tho' ineffectual to overcome the general dissatisfactions of the Country and their Representatives in this affair of New York, Yet we think it our duty to assure Yo^{r} Majesty that you reign entirely in the hearts of Yo^{r} Virginia Subjects, and that there are none in all yor

Dominions better affected to Yo^{r} Matys person and Government than they are.

And upon this occasion we humbly take leave to congratulate the wonderfull Success of Yo^{r} Maties Forces by Sea and land in this last Summers expedition, and to pray to Almighty God that the remaining part of yor auspicious Reign may answer so glorious a begining, to yor Maj^{ties} immortal honour the terror of yor enemies, and the happiness of all yor Subjects and Allies

William Byrd	E Jenings	J Lightfoot
Benja Harrison	Matthew Page	James Blair
Robert Carter	Phill. Ludwell jun^{r}	Wm Bassett
Jno. Custis		Hen. Duke.

Memorandum

April ye 24th 1703. His Excell'cy was pleased to appoint Major Arthur Allen to be Naval Officer & Collector of the Virg'a dutys in the Upper District of James River who thereupon took the Oaths appointed by Act of parliam^{t} to be taken in stead of the Oaths of Allegiance & Supremacy Subscribed the Test & took the Oath of Naval Officer, And entered into three sev'll Bonds for the due execution of his Office with Henry Duke of James City County Esqr as his Security.

Money Furnished by Virginia to New York

Received of his Excellency Francis Nicholson Esqr her Majestys Lieuten^{t} and Governor Gen'll of her Colony and Dominion of Virginia, three bills of Exchange all of the same tenure & date, upon Messieurs Micajah Perry Tho: Lane & Richd Perry Merchants in London for the Sum of 900 lb. Sterling, which said Sum of 900 lb. Sterling is the Quota appointed by his late Majestys Royal comands dated the 19th of January 1700-1 and by her present Majestys Royal commands dated the day of to be furnished by her Matys s^{d} Colony of Virginia towards the ffortifications on the Frontiers of New York; but the Colony of Virginia having refused in the

Gen'll Assembly to raise the s^{d} Sum of 900 lb. Sterling required by the Crown, & his s^{d} Excellency having given the s^{d} three Bills upon his own Credit, through the zeal he has for the service of the Queen, I do hereby promise & engage that unless the Queen shall be pleased to allow the s^{d} bills to be paid out of her Ma'tys Quitt rents of the Colony of Virginia the s^{d} bills shall immediatly be cancelled & made void & of none effect Witness my hand this 24th day of May, 1703.

Cornbury

ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS

Lurs Sigilli Anne R—TO OUR TRUSTY AND WELBELOVED FRANCIS NICHOLSON ESQ^{r} OUR LIEUTENANT AND GOVERNOR GENERAL OF OUR COLONY AND DOMINION OF VIRGINIA. Given at our Court at St James's the 7th day of January 1702-3 in the first year of our Reign.

Whereas it has been represented to us that Ships sailing from our plantacons in America without Convoy during this time of War are Subject to great hazards, and that diverse of them have been taken by the Enemy to the great Loss and detriment of our Loving Subjects: And whereas for the preventing the mischiefs that may happen in that manner to the Trade of those parts, We have been pleased to give direction that a Convoy do proceed from hence with the outward bound ships the latter end of this instant January, Which Convoy is to return from Virginia the first or tenth of July next with the Trade that shall then be ready to accompany them, and that another Convoy be likewise sent with such Ships as shall be ready to sail from hence to Virginia & Maryland in July next, It is therefore our will and pleasure that you take especial care that during the time of War, no ships do sail from Virginia otherwise than with Convoy, Such ships only excepted as shall have Licence from Us under our Royal Sign manual, our Order in Council, or from our high Admiral. And for yor so doing this shall be yor Warrant.

A. R.

BOARD OF TRADE TO THE GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA.

Whitehall January the 26th 1702-3

Sir

Since our Letters of the 4th and 11th November, We have not received any from you: So that what we have now chiefly to acquaint you with is in relation to the Convoys appointed this year for Virginia & Maryland.

The Merchants trading to those parts not agreeing as you did foresee about the time for the sailing of those Convoys, nor about the restraining or permitting ships to return from thence without Convoy; Her Majesty has been pleased to give her directions according to the Instructions wch you will herewith receive.

The Arms and Stores formerly appointed for Virginia are now ready, tho' they are not in the same quantity as you desired, Yet they are as many as her Majesty could conveniently spare. They will be sent to you by the first Convoy, and we do not doubt but you will make the best use of them for the defence of yor Governmt.

So we bid you heartily farewell.

Yor very Loving Friends

Rob. Cecil
John Pollexfen — Ph: Meadows
Mat Prior — Wm. Blathwayt.

March ye 25th 1703

We herewith send you two lettrs from the Earl of Nottingham relating to the French & Spaniards upon occasion of the present war, not doubting of yor care in observing the directions thereby given within her Matys province under yor Government.

GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF MD. TO THE GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA

Maryland port of Annapolis May 5th 1703

May it please yor Excell'cy

We being Sensible by many signal instances how ready yor Evcell'cy is on all occasions to promote the Trade as well of yor

own as this Countrey & others concerned therein, especially in the many speedy notices you have been pleased to give us on all occasions to joine the Convoys from yor Excell'cys Government, and that to yor no small trouble & expence—presuming upon yor wonted goodness, We address Ourselves to yor Excell'cy for yor favourable protection to Capt James Mitchell commander of the ship Owners Adventure of London who has lately received many abuses and hard threats from Capt Nathaniel Bostock Commander of her Matys Advice boat the Eagle (now supposed to be in yor Excell'cys Governm^{t}) and is still apprehensive of further insults from him; Therefore in regard the said Mitchell is a fair Trader and a very Civil honest man (in his way) We intreat yor Excell'cy will be pleased to grant him yor protection that his person may not be abused nor his Voyage endammaged or retarded by the said Capt Bostock's impressing his men or otherwise within yor Governm^{t}, In wch you will continue to oblige

Sr

Yo^{r} Ex'cys most faithful humble Serv^{ts}

Jno Hammond
Edwd Lloyd
Thomas Tench Presid^{t}
Robert Smith
Wm Holland
James Sanders

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